

415, Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2009; and Committee Resolution #111-5, providing Official Mail Allowance to Committees of the House for the 111th Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1139, as amended, COPS Improvements Act of 2009; and H.R. 985, Free Flow of Information Act of 2009.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT; RESTORING FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full committee action the following bill: H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Restoring the Financial Stability of the U.S. Postal Service: What Needs to be Done? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO; Carolyn Lewis Gallagher, Chairwoman, Board of Governors; and David C. Williams, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL MARKETS REGULATORY AGENCIES—INSPECTORS GENERAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Roles and Responsibilities of Inspectors General within Financial Markets Regulatory Agencies. Testimony was heard from Representative John B. Larson; Gary L. Kepplinger, General Counsel, GAO; H. David Kotz, Inspector General, SEC; Elizabeth A. Coleman, General Counsel, System Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; William DeSarno, Inspector General, National Credit Union Administration; A. Roy Lavik, Inspector General, Commodities Future Trading Commission; Vanessa K. Burrows, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported as amended the following bills: H.R. 1580, Electronic Waste Research and Development Act; and H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009.

OVERSIGHT—SBA AND ITS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs." Testimony was heard from Darryl Hairston, Acting Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration; the following officials of GAO: William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment and George Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1171, as amended, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1377, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; and H.R. 1513, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009.

NSA BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on NSA. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

HOT SPOTS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a briefing on Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-215.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military land power, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue a markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine health insurance industry practices, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine legislation to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Z. Cannon, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine middle income tax relief, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, and Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and the nominations of Tony West, of California, Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, and Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing on the state of obesity in the United States, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review tobacco production in the United States, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, to continue on Native-American and Alaska Natives Issues, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on DEA, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on S&T Research and Transitioning Products Into Use, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH: Budget Overview, Implementation of ARRA and Status of the National Children's Study, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on status of the future combat systems program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on requirements for the future capabilities of the United States maritime forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on future roles and missions of the Missile Defense Agency, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the economic and employment impact of the Arts and music industry, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on Oversight of the Digital Television Transition, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Institutional Review Boards that Oversee Experimental Human Testing for Profit, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Addressing the Need for Comprehensive Regulatory Reform," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Consolidating DHS: An Update on the St. Elizabeth Project," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on the 2008 Election: A look back on what went right and wrong, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Representation of Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases: A Constitutional Crisis in Michigan and Other States? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Troops, Diplomats, and Aid: Assessing Strategic Resources for Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Aviation and the Emerging Use of Biofuels, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Expanding Equity Investment in Small Business," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on Climate Change Legislation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on USDI Update, 9:30 a.m., and executive, briefing on Afghanistan Roll-Out, 1:15 p.m., 3034 HVC.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine human rights in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., CVC Auditorium.